

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Kai Langlois and I am a student from Marlborough CT

I, and many of my peers, stand in support of S.B. No. 284: “AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS,” with clear language that extends eligibility to all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status.

I attend Connecticut River Academy magnet high school. As a student in the magnet school system, I have the privilege to interact with people from different backgrounds on a daily basis. Through this everyday experience we learn about each other on a personal level. We learn how our lives are similar but also how our lives and struggles are different.

My family is lucky enough to have access to healthcare and for much of my life, I was unaware of the struggles many people go through. Going to school with people from a diversity of backgrounds opened my eyes to the fact that my own experiences aren't necessarily the same as everyone else's. I was able to see how different our lives were and how unfair it was that some of them didn't have access to something as vital as healthcare. If you refuse to support S.B. No 284, you will be denying people in our community their right to health, Including my friends and fellow students. As a future voter in Connecticut this bill is important to us and people we care about.

I support S.B. No 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,
Kai Langlois